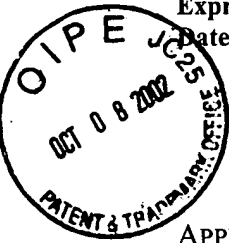


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed April 8, 2002, in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before October 8, 2002. A check in the amount of \$1,440.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(4) is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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